Upgradation of Technology of Glass Units under the Small Scale Sector

186. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Industry has accorded its consent for upgradation of technology of the glass units under the small scale sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the total amount earmarked for the scheme;

(d) the sources from which the whole scheme would be financed;

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed; and

(f) the main benefits which would accrue therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Centre for the Improvement of Glass Industry (CIGI) is to be set-up with UNDP assistance at a total cost of Rs. 10.05 crores.

(d) The whole scheme would be financed by the State/Centre Government and UNDP through the sources earmarked for the development of such activities as per details given below:

Govt. of India	*Govt of U.P*	*UNDP*
Rs. 2.47 crores	Rs.2.44 crores	Rs.5.14 crores

(e) The project is likely to be completed in five years i.e. by 1996.

(f) The project is designed to tackle the key issues of modernisation of small-scale glass manufacturing industry namely, (i) Standardisation & Testing of Raw Materials (ii) Ensuring Cost Effective Utilisation of Raw Materials and Energy Resources, (iii) Upgradation of Technology (iv) Skill Development (v) Reduction in Thermal & Chemical Pollution etc.

[*Translation*]

Assistance to Fruits and Vegetables based Industries of Cuttack

187. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing any assistance to the industries based on fruits and vegetables in Cuttack district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided during each of the last three years; and

(c) whether the scheme with regard to such industries in the said district of Orissa are laying pending with the Government for approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). The Minister of FOOD Processing Industries has been implementing various plan schemes under which financial assistance is given to State Government, State Government undertakings, co-operatives etc. in the fruit and vegetable processing sector.